NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2025

GOLD $3,313.10 SILVER $36.92 ₿ BITCOIN $117,969

Last Month: GOLD $3,327.70 SILVER $36.22 ₿ BITCOIN $104,428

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CLUB PICNIC AUGUST 7TH

Annual Olympia Coin Club Picnic

Squaxin Park (Priest Point Park)
2600 E Bay Drive NE, Olympia, WA 98506
Squaxin Park Shelter #1 - Rose Garden

Burgers, hot dogs, water, and utensils will be provided—just bring a potluck side dish to share and any beverages you'd like.

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

AUG 29-SEP 21
WASHINGTON STATE (PUYALLUP) FAIR
See PNNA Fair info page
Rick Schulz

AUG 30
KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW
Kent Commons
525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA
Scott Loos,
425-463-6551, scottloos@msn.com

A WORD FROM PRESIDENT KEVIN CHARBONEAU

Kevin Charboneau
Club President

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Hello again,

It has been a very exciting time in my numismatic journey. Rich Schulz and I went to the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association convention and show in Calgary Alberta, Ca. I was excited to see how a different group does a show. The floor looked like just about every other show. Rows of tables with someone standing behind them and lots of people milling around on the other side. Things got off to an odd start. Admission was $6. Not a problem. They were not prepared to make change. Everyone is coming in the door with lots of money; all of it big bills. On the second day, I showed up with two toonies and two loonies. I have the same problem at the shows that I do. People want to pay the entry fee to the show with with nothing but $100 bills and expect the registration desk to make change. Just from me, when you go to a show, plan for the admission fee with exact change. Once inside, I noticed that there was not very much being offered except for Canadian material. Other shows have lots of material from other countries. The only American material was raw silver Morgan Dollars. There was not much else. I learned how Canadians certify their coins. I will have some examples at the September General Membership meeting. I saw massive volumes of publications related to Canadian money. Everything else around Calgary looked no different than here. There even was not that much French signage around, but I did hear some dealers talking among themselves in French. I had a lot of fun and I am thinking of attending the next show in Winnipeg.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

There will not be a real General Membership Meeting this month. We will have our annual picnic. There is a bit of business that we need to take care of. I am interested in getting things started, so I am going to hold business to after dinner and before BINGO. We need to install our new officers. We need to vote on the increase of dues. It is important that you vote. We must get a positive vote of two-thirds of the members attending. If you show up and you do not vote, that is equal to a no vote. Of course, if that is what you want to do to express your opinion, you are more than welcome to do so.

Here are the specific details for the August Picnic; Thursday, August 7th.
Who: Members and family (and any friends that happen to be staying at your house that day. It would not be right to just leave them behind. The more the merrier.)
Where: Squaxin Park (Priest Point Park) in the rose garden.
When: Social time starting at 5pm, with dinner around 5:30pm
What to bring: The club will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, silverware, and paper plates. We ask that you bring something to share with others.
Bring something to drink and hand fans (if warm)
We will have BINGO as a memorial to Dick Cowley.

Thank you to Kristie, Terri, and Todd for all your help in getting this event successful. See you all there.

I want to thank all of you for making my term as the club President one of the most memorial parts of my life. It has been an honor to server this club. I am not going away. I will continue as the auctioneer and as the bourse chair. I look forward to serving all of you in my own little way. Thank you.

No Club Meeting in July so there are no meeting minutes to report.

Who Was Virgil S. Clark? The Legacy Behind Our Meeting Place

The Olympia Coin Club Meets at the Virgil S. Clark Senior Center but who was Virgil? This is what I found on the City of Lacey website.

"Virgil was the ultimate standard-bearer for this community – a true leader through and through; his character, reputation, and the life he led, set the highest bar for leaders in our community to exemplify," stated Mayor Andy Ryder. "He helped shape Lacey and the surrounding communities at a pivotal time. His profound legacy will live on in our community for many generations to come."

A Texas native, Clarkson received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Mathematics and Physics from Texas Southern University in 1953. After graduation, Clarkson served thirteen years in the U.S. Army, including being stationed at Fort Lawton in Seattle. Following his military service, Clarkson continued a career in public services with the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Highways (now Washington State Department of Transportation) in Olympia. When hired with the Department of Highways, Clarkson was one of six black employees of the more than 6,000 workforce.

During this time, Clarkson's love for his community and passion to make the greater Thurston County area a more welcoming place for people of color inspired his focus on the fight for civil rights. Clarkson was a driving force to get fair housing ordinances passed. This was first accomplished in Lacey, and eventually followed by the communities of Olympia, Tumwater, and Thurston County beginning in the mid-to-late 1960s.

Clarkson officially assumed public office at the City of Lacey on July 23, 1998. He became Lacey's first black mayor, a position he held for two consecutive terms from 2004-2007. Virgil held a third term as mayor from 2012-2013. In honor of Virgil's service to the community, the City Council appointed him mayor again to close out the final month of his term that ended in December 2017.

During his first term as mayor, Clarkson focused on bringing environmentally sustainable, family-wage jobs to the area and making sure the City of Lacey pursued policies that supported and reflected the changing needs of its community members. In working towards these objectives, during Clarkson's tenure on the Council, the City of Lacey converted its facilities to fully green power. In addition, Clarkson served as a tireless champion for older adults, advocating strongly for construction of a new senior center in 2003, as well as a major expansion of the facility in 2012. This community asset continues to improve the quality of life for local older adults.

Fittingly, in 2005, Senior Services for South Sound officially honored Virgil as a "Living Legend," and in 2015, the Lacey City Council honored his exceptional service and leadership to the community by renaming the Lacey Senior Center as the Virgil S. Clarkson Lacey Senior Center. Clarkson's work on behalf of seniors also included serving on the board of Senior Services for South Sound, and, following a 1999 appointment by Governor Gregoire, eight years of service on the Washington State Council on Aging.

Clarkson's public service was equaled only by his exceptional volunteerism. He willingly gave countless hours to community organizations and projects that are forever indebted to his time and talents. Clarkson was a twenty-five-year member of the Thurston County Fair Board, a loyal Kiwanian for more than half a century, and a founding member of the Olympia Opera Association. In addition, Clarkson was also a decades-long member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, as well as Prince Hall Freemasonry, and has held many offices within those organizations.

In addition to the many City-related committees and boards Virgil served on, he was also very active in a number of professional and civic organizations related to his passion for making his community a better place to live, work, and play for all. Virgil held local, state, and national offices for the American Diabetes Association, served as chair of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, and served nearly twenty years on the South Puget Sound Blood Council. He served twenty years on the Lewis, Mason and Thurston Selective Service Board, and was also a member of the National League of Cities National Black Caucus.

Source: City of Lacey Website

COMING FROM THE US MINT

Jul 31

● COMING SOON ● LIMITED

25th Anniversary Sacagawea 2025 Golden Dollar 24K One Half-Ounce Gold Proof Coin

NATIVE AMERICAN $1 COINS

WEST POINT (W)

25SG1

Aug 7

● COMING SOON

Silver Proof Set 2025

ANNUAL SETS

SAN FRANCISCO (S)

25RH

Aug 12

● COMING SOON ● LIMITED

American Women Quarters 2025 Rolls and Bags - Stacey Park Milbern

AMERICAN WOMEN QUARTERS™ PROGRAM

MULTI (D)(P)(S)

25WBG 25WBH 25WRG 25WRH

Aug 20

● COMING SOON ● LIMITED

2025 Laser Engraved American Eagle One Ounce Silver Proof Coin

AMERICAN EAGLE COINS

WEST POINT (W)

25EALE

Aug 21

● COMING SOON ● LIMITED

American Liberty 2025 High Relief Gold Coin

AMERICAN LIBERTY

WEST POINT (W)

25DA

Aug 21

● COMING SOON ● LIMITED

American Liberty 2025 Silver Medal

AMERICAN LIBERTY

PHILADELPHIA (P)

25D8

Aug 26

● COMING SOON ● LIMITED

American Women Quarters 2025 Ornament - Ida B. Wells

AMERICAN WOMEN QUARTERS™ PROGRAM

PHILADELPHIA (P)

25WO1

Aug 26

● COMING SOON ● LIMITED

American Women Quarters 2025 Ornament - Juliette Gordon Low

AMERICAN WOMEN QUARTERS™ PROGRAM

PHILADELPHIA (P)

25WO2

Aug 26

● COMING SOON ● LIMITED

American Women Quarters 2025 Ornament - Dr. Vera Rubin

AMERICAN WOMEN QUARTERS™ PROGRAM

PHILADELPHIA (P)

25WO3

For more information and releases visit USMint.gov

Protecting Your Hobby: Safeguarding Your Collection

For collectors, coins are more than just metal—they're history, art, and sometimes even an investment. Whether you're preserving rare pieces or sentimental finds, taking steps to protect your collection ensures its longevity and value. Here are some essential tips for keeping your numismatic treasures safe.

1. Secure Storage Solutions

Investing in proper storage is key to preventing damage and loss:

- Coin Holders (Air-Tite) & Albums – Use archival-quality holders, flips, and albums to keep coins secure and avoid scratches.
- A fireproof and waterproof safe is ideal for high-value coins. Keep it in a discreet location, and if possible, securely anchor it to your home for added protection.
- Climate Control – Store coins in a cool, dry place. Avoid areas with excessive humidity, which can lead to oxidation and deterioration. A dehumidifier rod can be purchased and used.

2. Digital Inventory Records

Maintaining a digital log of your collection makes tracking and insurance much easier:

- Create a Spreadsheet – Record details like coin type, year, condition, and estimated value. If storing the spreadsheet on your local hard drive, be sure to keep an updated off-site backup—either in the cloud or on a thumb drive at a separate location.
- Take Photos – High-resolution images document each coin's condition and unique features.
- Use Inventory Apps – Tools like NumisMaster or CoinManage provide specialized software for cataloging collections.

3. Insurance & Valuation

If your collection holds significant value, consider insuring it:

- Get an Appraisal – A certified numismatist can provide an accurate valuation.
- Homeowner's Insurance Add-On – Check if your policy covers collectibles or consider specialty insurance.
- Regular Updates – Re-evaluate your collection annually to update insurance estimates.

4. Security Against Theft

Protect your collection from unauthorized access:

- Limit Public Knowledge – Avoid sharing collection details broadly, especially online.
- Mark Valuable Coins – Invisible ink or micro-markings can help trace stolen items.
- Install a Security System – Motion detectors and cameras add an extra layer of protection.

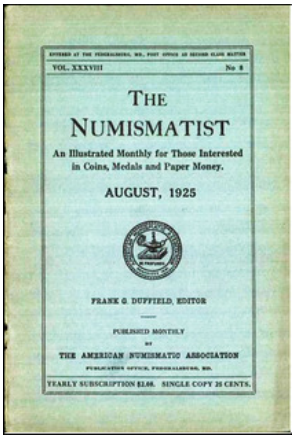
5. Handling & Maintenance

Coins are delicate, and improper handling can cause irreversible damage:

- Wear Gloves – Oils from hands can tarnish coins over time.
- Hold by the Edges – Avoid touching the coin faces to preserve their surfaces.
- Avoid Harsh Cleaning – Never use abrasive cleaners. While mild distilled water rinses may be acceptable for certain coins, the golden rule is simple: **Never clean your coins!**

By following these precautions, hobbyists can ensure their collections remain pristine and secure for years to come. Whether you're safeguarding rare 19th-century pieces or simply preserving a childhood collection, taking the right steps protects both the financial and sentimental value of your coins.

100 Years Ago in Coins: A Look Back Through The Numismatist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AUGUST, 1925

FRANK G. DUFFIELD, EDITOR

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Here's a look back 100 years at a couple of articles from the August 1925 issue of The Numismatist.

MINTING A MILLION IN GOLD COIN DAILY.

The United States mints are turning out about $1,000,000 a day in gold coins, to go into circulation, it has been estimated by Wall Street bankers. The coins represent backing for large amounts of gold certificates issued by the Treasury.

When gold started pouring into the United States from all parts of the world the Treasury began putting the metal to use by issuing gold certificates. Under the law, at least one-third of the total of gold certificates must be represented by actual gold coins, so that nearly $300,000,000 in coins must be in existence to form a backing for the $870,564,000 outstanding bills. It is estimated that the mints at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco turned out $180,000,000 in $20 glod pieces, or "double eagles," in the first half of 19 25.

The coins are minted so that the holder of a gold certificate, on demand, can obtain gold in a form in which he can use it. There are practically no glod coins in circulation in the United States. Before the war they formed the principal circulating medium in the West, but the custom was changed in the war and now all parts of the country find it more convenient to do business with paper money. The principal demand for gold coins now comes for directors' meetings and gifts. — New York Times.

RUSSIA MINTING LARGE QUANTITY OF GOLD.

The following summary of the activities of the Russian Mint has been received by The Board of Trade Journal:

"The Leningrad Mint started minting a fresh batch of 4,000,000 gold chervontsi on July 1. The productivity of the Mint has increased to such an extent that the whole order was carried out in a few days. The Leningrad Mint is now able to issue 1,800,000 coins daily. Up to April 11 126,500,000 rubles' worth of small silver coins had been minted, including the order for 20,000,000 rubles' worth executed in London. One hundred million rubles' worth of copper has already been put into circulation. Seven million rubles' worth of copper had been minted by the same date, of which 4,000,000 rubles is in circulation. The amount of paper currency of small denomination had decreased on April 11 from twenty-seven to seventeen million rubles. In view of the bulk and general inconvenience of copper coinage, the Commissariat of Finance proposes to issue a new coinage of five, three and two kopek values, composed of an alloy of bronze and other metals. The Leningrad Mint has been instructed to prepare various samples on the pattern of foreign coinage." — New York Times.

COINAGE FOR JUNE, 1925.

Following is the number of pieces of the different denominations coined at the mints of the United States during June, 1925, as officially reported by the Bureau of the Mint, Washington, D. C.:

Gold — Double Eagles, 601,000.

Silver — Standard Dollars, 150,000.

Bronze — One Cent, 9,438,000.

August is the Club Picnic

Club Picnic will be held Thursday, August 7th, 2025

Where: Squaxin Park (Priest Point Park) in the Rose Garden.
2600 E Bay Drive NE, Olympia, WA 98506
Squaxin Park Shelter #1

When: Social time starting at 5pm, with dinner around 5:30pm followed by the installation of officers and Bingo!

What to bring: Burgers, hot dogs, and utensils will be provided. Bring a potluck side dish or dessert to share and any drinks you may want.

B I N G O

When the club lost Dick Cowley, we lost more than a knowledgeable collector and dear friend—we lost our Bingo Master. Dick's enthusiasm and energy made every game exciting, turning bingo into a highlight of our club picnics. With him gone, we needed someone to step up and carry on his tradition. Join us at the picnic to see who has accepted the challenge and help us keep Dick's bingo legacy alive!

Next OCC Board Meeting

The Next OCC Board Meeting is:
September 25th at 6:00PM.
River's Edge Restaurant
4611 Tumwater Valley Dr SE
Tumwater, WA 98501
Board meetings are open to everyone

Dick Cowley's Service - Sept. 6th.

Richard Roland Cowley

10/14/1950-3/31/2025

Join Me in A Memorial Celebrating Richard Cowley's Life on Our 17th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, September 6th, 2025

Ceremony at Noon, Followed by Catered Lunch by Westport Aloha Alabama BBQ

Westport Inn and Cabins Coho Hall

2501 Nyhus Street, North, Westport, Washington, 98595

360-215-7012

Please join us in spreading Richard's ashes in Westport Cove, weather permitting TBA

RSVP to Teresa Staal-Cowley, 360-866-1512 home, 360-480-9955 cell

2836 Calais Lane NW, Olympia, Washington, 98502

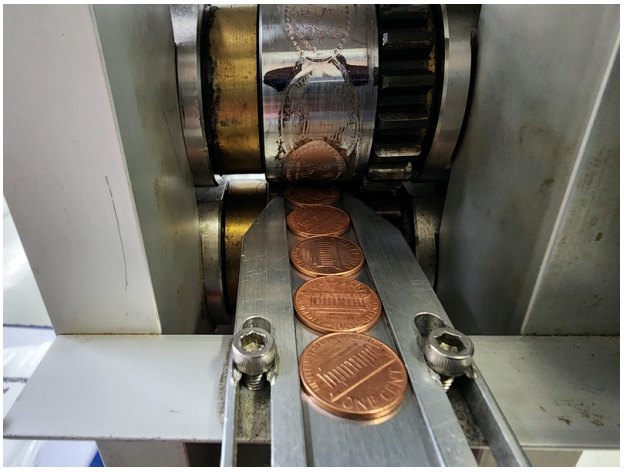
Washington State Fair

Seeking volunteers for the PNNA Coin Booth in the Hobby Hall August 29 through September 21

[See the 2025 Hobby Hall volunteer schedule]

If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please contact PNNA Hobby Hall coordinator Rick Schulz via email at richardf53@yahoo.com, or by telephone at 253-535-0690. Also see the article Rick wrote in the 2nd Q 2025 edition of The Nor'wester .

Every volunteer receives free passes to the fair and free parking, and passes are often available for spouses as well. When you're not covering a shift, you can enjoy the Fair.



Shift duties are pretty simple. Each shift last four hours. The time flies if we get a lot of visitors. There are two large trays of pennies for kids of all ages to search through to find their birthyear. Our volunteers are there to staple the found treasure into a specially stamped 2x2 that can be taken home as a souvenir. There is also a tray of world coins that kids can search through for their favorite and take home as well. Finally, the PNNA's penny press will be there for kids who wish to crank out their own Fair souvenir.

[See Rick's article on page 20 of The Nor'wester for complete details - click here]

Keep the Club Running - OCC Needs you as our Treasurer

Olympia Coin Club needs a Treasurer to keep the club running. Are you interested?

Treasurer Duties:

- Collect Payments – Receive membership dues and bid board sales (from Rick Schultz).
- Auction Transactions – Receive payments for auctions and make change (assistants may handle this).
- Manage Club Finances – Oversee the checkbook and cash box.
- Pay any bills or invoices
- Record keeping – Maintain transaction records and send them to Terri for the Treasurer's Report (or create the report yourself if preferred).
- Financial Reporting – Provide a financial update to officers and directors.
- Annual Coin Show – Collect funds from ticket and table sales, track income and expenses, and provide the cash box for the event.

You're our missing piece
Be the club treasurer

Assistant Treasurer Duties:

(We can have multiple assistants,
so don't hesitate to jump in!)

- Auction Management – Track auction sales - yellow auction sheets.
- Raffle Coordination – Sell raffle tickets for 3–4 prizes during the meeting.
- Announce Winners – Announce the raffle and membership prize winners.
- Transaction Handling – Receive auction payments and provide change.
- Seller Settlements – Finalize auction sellers' auction lots, charge any applicable fees, and pay the seller.

Recently Sold on eBay

Lot of 50 Olympia Washington Trade Tokens One-O-Seven Tavern
Sold for $50.00 ($1 each) (1 bid)

Vintage One- O-Seven Tavern Olympia, WA Brass Good For Token
Sold for $1.33
(2 bids)

ANTIQUE TRADE TOKEN TUMWATER DRINK AN OLYMPIA BEER
1 1/4" GOOD LUCK HORSESHOE
Sold for $31.30 (11 bids)

1889-CC Morgan Dollar, MS61, Low-Mintage, Carson City Key Date
Sold for $25,500 (1 bid)

1889 CC Morgan Dollar - NGC Good Details Scratched
Sold for $630.00

(1943) 1C Steel Penny PLANCHET (2.8g) MINT ERROR Súper Rare
Ask $25,500 - Best offer was accepted

2008 Washington St OLYMPIA COIN CLUB 50th Anniversary 1oz Silver Proof Round
Currently not sold: $115.00

2024-2025 Elected Officers

President	Kevin Charboneau
Vice President	Oliver Brock
Treasurer	(open)
Secretary	Richard Green

Board Members

Position 1	Dick Cowley
Position 2	Jordan Kennedy
Position 3	Dale Gerard
Position 4	Ken Fialkowski

Wonderful Supporting Members

Auctioneer	Kevin Charboneau
Auction Recorder	Kristi Gerard
Auction Videographer	Rudy Kennedy
Club Baker	Mike Zagorin

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor	Jay DeBoer

Regular Monthly Meeting

Regular monthly meetings are held at:
Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center
(next to the Lacey Community Center)
6757 Pacific Ave SE
Lacey, WA 98503
7:00PM on the first Thursday of the month.
Doors open at 6:00PM
No July meeting - August is the Club Picnic
December is the Club Holiday Party

Board Meeting

Board Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of odd numbered months at 6:00PM .
River's Edge Restaurant
4611 Tumwater Valley Dr SE
Tumwater, WA 98501
Board meetings are open to everyone

Olympia Coin Club

Established January 1958 - Olympia, Washington

Membership

Membership runs from January 1st through December 31st.
Annual-dues are $15 for Regular and Family memberships
Junior membership (under 18) is $3

Our Commitment to Numismatics

- **Promote numismatics** – Foster a deep appreciation for coins, currency, and related collectibles, encouraging study, preservation, and historical exploration.
- **Cultivate fellowship among numismatists** – Build a welcoming community where collectors can connect, share knowledge, and enjoy mutual interests.
- **Encourage and assist collectors** – Support collectors at all levels by providing resources, guidance, and opportunities to expand their collections.
- **Provide an opportunity to buy, sell, or trade coins** – Create a marketplace where enthusiasts can engage in fair and informed transactions.
- **Engage and inspire young numismatists** – Spark interest in coin collecting among younger generations through mentorship, educational programs, and hands-on activities, ensuring the future of the hobby.

Past Issues of the OCC Newsletter can be obtained from the Olympia Coin Club Facebook Group

Upcoming Tacoma-Lakewood Show - Sept. 13th.

68th Annual Coin, Stamp, and Collectables Show

Saturday September 13th 2025 10-4 PM

AMVET #1 5717 South Tyler Street Tacoma, WA 98409

Grand prize drawing of 5-dollar gold piece

Hourly drawings, free parking, free entry with ID

Squished pennies and grab bags for children

BUY SELL TRADE COINS CURRENCY EXONUMIA STAMPS BUILLON SPORTS CARDS FREE APPRAISALS

From I-5 take Exit 130 and head west 1.5 miles to South Tyler and turn left

Contact- Ken Fialkowski-360-789-2611 or longlakeken@gmail.com

Classifieds

Classified ads are free for members with active, paid-up memberships.

Buying | Selling | Wanted | Sponsors | Community Listings

Free Classified Ads for members: All OCC members get a free classified ad in the newsletter. Post your Wanted / Selling / Services etc. If you have a business card for your business or hobby that can be posted also.

WANTED: Olympia Trade Tokens, Hobo Nickels, Error Coins. **SELLING**: Hobo Nickels, Trade Tokens, Currency, Error notes and coins.
Jay DeBoer - JayHobo.com

Leave a Legacy of Numismatic Passion
Consider including the Olympia Coin Club in your estate plans. Whether it's coins, tokens, supplies, or a monetary donation, your gift can help preserve our shared love of history and collecting for future generations. A legacy donation ensures your passion lives on — inspiring, educating, and connecting fellow enthusiasts for years to come. To learn more about how you can make a lasting impact, speak with a club officer.

COMMUNITY: Consider volunteering at the Washington State Fair (Puyallup Fair) at the PNNA coin booth inside the Hobby Hall. August 29-September 21, 2025. You get free admission to the fair and free parking. Enjoy the fair before or after your shift. You don't need to be a coin expert to volunteer. More information on the PNNA Fair page: https://www.pnna.org/wp/events/fair/

Auction Donations: Have duplicate coins, older currency, or even treasured pieces you'd like to see make a difference? Enter them in the club auction marked "For the Club" — all proceeds go toward strengthening Olympia Coin Club programs and events. Every donation, big or small, helps build a richer future for our community.

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